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1. FONMIN DE LA FLOR HAS INDICATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO BOTH AMB. BELCHER AND ASST. SECY. KUBISCH GOP'S WILLINGNESS PURSUE INFORMAL FISHERIES DISCUSSIONS WITH OBJECTIVE FINDING "INTERIM ARRANGEMENT" TO RESOLVE SEIZURES PROBLEM PENDING PERMANENT SOLUTION THROUGH LOS AGREEMENT. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT AMB. MCKERNAN REVIEWED WITH AMB. ARIAS SCHREIBER IN GENEVA IN SUMMER OF 1973 VARIOUS POSSIBLE
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APPROACHES TO FISHERIES SETTLEMENT BASED ON CONSERVATION

RATIONALE AND THAT AMB. BELCHER IN MID-MARCH CONVERSATION WITH DE LA FLOR SOUGHT TO ELICIT SOME GOP REACTION TO THOSE DISCUSSIONS AS WELL AS TO POSSIBLE EXPLORATION OF AN ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT REF A. IN LATTER CONVERSATION DE LA FLOR ONCE AGAIN CONFIRMED GOP WILLINGNESS TO TALK BUT LEFT AMBASSADOR WITH CLEAR IMPRESSION ANY INITIATIVES REGARDING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM US.

2. TIME HAS NOW COME TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON POSSIBILITY OF REACHING SOME SOLUTION TO TUNA PROBLEM IN CONTEXT OF LOS CONFERENCE. U.S. DELEGATION TO CARACAS CONFERENCE ACCORDINGLY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN UNDERTAKING INFORMAL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH GOP DELEGATION ON SUBJECT OF

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES. FYI. WE SEE UTILITY OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS IN TERMS OF EXPLORING POSSIBLE GOP WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE ITS EXTREME POSITION, I.E. TO CONSIDER SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL REGIME FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES WITHIN CONTEXT OF 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO EARLY SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES AT CARACAS, AND TO REACHING AGREEMENT THAT GOP CAN ULTIMATELY ACCEPT. WE HOPE THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE REACH SOME BROADLY-BASED AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES, INCLUDING HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, AT CARACAS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE GOP AND COULD BE THE BASIS FOR ACTION BY CONCERNED STATES AFTER CARACAS, THUS DOING AWAY WITH NEED FOR "INTERIM ARRANGEMENT" MENTIONED PARA 1. END FYI.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM FON- OFF THAT U.S. DELEGATION WOULD BE PLEASED HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH GOP DELEGATION EARLY IN CARACAS SESSION WITH RESPECT TO LOS ISSUES, INCLUDING HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY OUR VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IF SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED AT CARACAS ON WIDELY-SUPPORTED RULES FOR USE OF OCEAN AND ITS RESOURCES, INCLUDING RULES FOR CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES. WE WOULD HOPE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOLLOWING CARACAS CONFERENCE TO UNDERTAKE ACTION FOLLOWING THE LINES OF ANY NEW PRINCIPLES
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GOVERNING CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION OF FISH RESOURCES WHICH MIGHT EMERGE FROM THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS IN CARACAS. (SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER IS EXPECTING AMBASSADOR TO RAISE SUBJECT OF FISHERIES TALKS AT AN EARLY DATE, AMBASSADOR MAY WISH DISCUSS THIS PERSONALLY WITH DE LA FLOR. IN EVENT DE LA FLOR ASKS WHETHER WE HAVE ABANDONED INTEREST IN POSSIBLE "INTERIM ARRANGEMENT" INVOLVING CONSERVATION RATIONALE OR ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT, AMBASSADOR

SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED CONSIDER ANY PROPOSALS PERUVIANS MIGHT WISH TO MAKE IN THIS REGARD.

4. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES YOUR APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE IN LOW KEY MANNER DESIGNED TO LEAVE GOP WITH IMPRESSION THAT USG FULLY INTENDS TO NEGOTIATE ON TUNA AT CARACAS, AND DESIRES TO INCLUDE GOP IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS, AND TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR INTERESTS IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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